

BE READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE and KIND

HEADTEACHER

I am writing this section this week with very mixed emotions. As some of you may know, Dr Sarah Holland is leaving our school at the end of this half-term. Sarah has been such a pivotal part of Stebbing Primary for many years and in a number of capacities. From supporting children with high needs, to meeting with specialists and also supporting families on their SEN pathway, Sarah is a very kind, thoughtful and knowledgeable part of Stebbing and we will miss her greatly. However, I am pleased that she has chosen to take some time for herself and explore other avenues. I know she will keep in touch and I extend my thanks not only to her but to her family who have done so much for Stebbing over the years.

Please join us for a extra-ordinary SEN Family Forum to celebrate and wish her well on Wednesday 18th October at 2pm. All welcome!

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Don't forget!
Harvest Festival for
Reception - Year 4
Friday 6th October at 1.30pm
St Mary's Church, Stebbing
Please collect your child from the
church on this day
Children in Years 5 and 6 will remain
at school for collection as normal

Donations for the Foodbank can be
brought into school from Monday,
please see the attached list of
recommended items. Thank you.

SPORT @ STEBBING

The sporting events are starting to come ionthick and fast with three events taking place over the past two weeks. Last week, saw our w girls football squads in upper and lower KS2 take part in the Dunmow family football festivals at Dunmow St Mary's primary School. Taking part in lots of different actiuvivites, before enjoying some friendly matches at the end of the session - the girls all came away enthusiastic and ready for the upcoming tournaments.

Our year 3 and 4 dodgeball teams took part in the Dunmow family dodgeball tournament this afternoon at Felsted Independent School competing against 10 teams from the local area they all performed incredibly well - some competing in thievery first dodgeball tournament. Stebbing blue team finished in 4th with the yellow team finishing in 5th - fantastic achievement!

Keep an eye out next week for exciting news about an upcoming professional athlete visitor to Stebbing Primary School.

AFSS

Hello dear Stebbing parents and carers, it has been nice to get back into the groove of things these last few weeks. This week's AGM was a success and we managed to agree on many exciting new events for the year. We are sending out the meeting minutes along with the planned calendar in due course. We will also put these out on public for you to see on our now fogless notice board by the office. We will try to make better use of this space in the future to inform everyone of upcoming plans. The big next and brand new adult only social event is the WINTER PARTY which is kindly organised by a few Stebbing parents. Please see more details on ClassDojo and how to secure your tickets. All profits will go towards the pool. The AFSS believes this is an amazing opportunity to kick off the fundraising and get the money rolling in. Before the big party night, we also have Halloween to get excited about. We will be revealing our plans for October soon and we hope to get a keen response to these activities. Most importantly Halloween Disco will be held on Thursday 19th October which is the last day of the term. It was such great fun last year for kids, teachers, and volunteers!



HEADTEACHER AWARDS

	Friday 22nd September	Friday 29th September
Wrens	Willow C & Maisie	Elijah & Maisie
Robins	Kalia & Jack	Harry & Cooper
Kingfishers	Monty & Nicole	Jasmina and Alasdair
Woodpeckers	Jacob & Poppy	Albie & Indie
Kestrels	Neve & Wren	Summer & Charlie
Ospreys	Zach, Kayden & Henry	Elliot & Pheobe
Owls	Archie & Brody	Rocco & Lia



HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER











	Friday 22nd September	Friday 29th September
Wrens	Ellie	Dylan
Robins	Ivy	Henley
Kingfishers	Louie	Alfie
Woodpeckers	Isabelle	Genevieve
Kestrels	Lilly	Nicole
Ospreys	Ethan	Mila
Owls	Isaac	Amelie & Olivia

PRESENTATION AWARDS

	Friday 22nd September	Friday 29th September
Wrens	Luna	
Robins	Millie	
Kingfishers	Alasdair	
Woodpeckers		Vinnie
Kestrels		Violet
Ospreys		Hadley
Owls		Emily

DATE	YEAR 6 AWARD	ATTENDANCE AWARD	LUNCHTIME AWARD	KEEP IT CLEAN AWARD
22.09.23	Year 4 Football Squad	Kingfishers	Owls	Ospreys & Owls
29.09.23	Lois	Wrens and Woodpeckers	Kingfishers	Wrens

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22.09.23	Ospreys	Owls	Kingfishers	Owls	Robins	Woodpeckers
29.09.23	Owls	Robins	Kingfishers	Kingfishers	Owls	Kestrels



WRENS



ROBINS



Wrens have been treating us to the loveliest Show & Tells. Thank you so much for your enthusiasm to get involved and volunteer to enhance their learning. In Maths this week we have learnt all about CAPACITY and experimented with our curiosity cube. Making predictions about how many jugs of water we will need to fill it up to the top. We have been so excited to realise that we can read! With our first four sounds learnt in Phonics we segmented and blended words words together. As a treat Wrens had a play in the giant sand area on the big playground today. We paused for 'I spy with my little eye' - games to spot things beginning with.... S - s, s, spade and T - t,t, tractor. We have had our first volunteers and nominations for School Council and would like to congratulate Charlie and Cassia who will be representing us at the weekly meetings. Any suggestions or ideas can be written and posted in our school suggestion box.

We ended our week with a Bubble Party in the outdoor area celebrating all the lovely friendships we have made in a very short time. It really is wonderful to be a Wren. We look forward to making more memories with you next week.

This week in Robins we have met another historical character... King James 1st. We have looked closely at the clothes he wore, discussing the colours, shapes, materials and accessories and compared these to the clothes our other character Guy wore. They both have clothes with frilly collars, puffy arms, puffy legs at the top with tights on their calves, shoes with buckles and a cape or cloak. We compared these to our own clothes that we wear in 2023 and used our Montessori colour tablets to show our understanding of these differences. We have also come across lots of objects that we use, an how differently they looked 400 years ago, such as cutlery, buckets (or as it was known then - a 'pail') and fire hoses (or 'frie squirts').

Our paper plate fireworks, which we'll decorate our classroom with, are taking good shape. These have been decorated with glitter this week and will soon be hung up on display.

Next week we are looking forward to making a character to bring to our Harvest Festival, and on Thursday we will have a pre-festival visit to the church. We will actually be there for an RE lesson, to identify and find key features of a church, as we will know by then that our 2 characters (King James 1st and Guy) were both believers in God and were 'church-goers' themselves. See you next week!



KINGFISHERS



WOODPECKERS



We have been very busy and productive in Kingfishers over the last 2 weeks! In Maths we have been exploring Cherry models and we exercised practical, pictorial and abstract approaches in order to partition into tens and ones and investigate flexible partitioning.

In English we have completed our poetry unit and Kingfishers have created lovely and imaginative poems about their natural item that they chose themselves, focusing on adjectives and repetition.

In History, Kingfishers have explored and labelled the key features of a castle and we discussed the Battle of Hastings, focusing on comparing the two armies and their strategies.

In Science we have been talking about the Sun and how we get day and night. Our key words have been orbit and axis. We also spoke about sun safety and how we can protect our eyes from sun damage.

We have been celebrating friendship week and Kingfishers participated in a range of activities. I hope they felt positive about themselves and their friendships afterwards!

We've had another two very productive weeks in Woodpeckers class recently.

We have continued working on our Place value unit in our maths lessons, focusing particularly on Hundreds, tens and ones and finding 1, 10 or 100 more or less. The use of concrete resources has been helpful in relation to supporting the children's understanding, they were able to see 'more' or 'less' as physically adding or removing pieces of equipment.

In English, the children have been working incredibly hard on their descriptive writing. They have been focusing on including adjectives, adverbs, using senses and 'show don't tell' emotions in preparation for their hot write.

The children have also completed their first unhomework share of year 3 and WOW! We were amazed with the effort and thought that they have put into their work. They should all be incredibly proud of themselves and what they have produced.



Kestrels have been continuing to learn about Place Value in Maths and have been having fun making human number lines to help round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000. In English, we are learning about persuasion and have been reading, performing and analysing persuasive texts. We have been learning more about the Romans and enjoyed making Roman roads; unfortunately, it wasn't practical to do this using real rocks and cement so we had to use biscuits, chocolates and chocolate sauce to represent the Roman materials. In Science, we have designed and carried out an investigation into which paper towel is the most absorbent, including making a prediction working scientifically and writing a conclusion.

Another busy couple of weeks have flown by in Ospreys. We have completed our very first hot maths and hot writes where the children have shown amazing retrieval of the skills that they have been learning. In maths, we have moved onto learning all about addition and subtraction and it is already very clear that they have a great foundation of knowledge to build upon. In English, after publishing those amazing acrostic poems, inspired by the 'Lost Words' poetry book, we have moved onto another great topic that will hopefully really inspire us all to make some changes in our everyday lives. Our focus is going to be all about plastic pollution and the effect that it is having on our world with the view, that we are going to write some persuasive letters to big companies to try and encourage them to cut down on their single use plastic. It's only a few more weeks to go now until our Anglo Saxon West Stow trip. Please make sure you have visited Parentmail to give permission and make payment. Thank you!



We've had a busy few weeks in Owls class and the children have all adapted to life as an Owl superbly well. In English, we brought to a close our Lost Words poetry unit of work and you would have all seen the incredible poetry and illustrations that the children created - even the author was impressed! We are now half way through the learning journey of writing thank you letters to their chosen instructors at Manor Adventure. The children have all worked hard to present their letter appropriately while writing an informal letter expressing their gratitude.. The class have also received their new year 6 roles and are all taking on board their new responsibilities and performing them to the best of their ability.

As you will all know, we embarked on a Positive Playtime journey last year and the opportunities for our children are going from strength to strength with new additions coming all the time. With that in mind, we are always looking for the following items to improve the provision or to simply replace broken equipment. If you have any of these items that are waiting to be skipped or cluttering up your garage, we will be happy to take them off of your hand.

Across our foundation subjects, Owls class continue to work hard with Mrs Bucknell learning all about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings - this week the focus was on King Ethelred The Unready and in science, we are building up our understanding of how the body transports vital nutrients, water and oxygen around the body.

Sand pit	Loose Parts Play & Den Building	Music Wall	Dressing Up & Role Play	Miscellaneous
Plastic spades	Tyres	Saucepans	Hangers	Scooters
Plastic buckets	Large cable drums	Frying pans	Fancy dress	Trikes/Balance bikes
Plastic rakes	Scaffold boards	Colander	Suitcases	Helmets
Sand pit toys	Plastic milk crates	Wooden spoons	Clothing	
Brooms	Planks of wood	Baking trays	Bags	
	Drain pipes	Oven racks	Hats	
	Tarpaulin			

EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
22.09.23	Genes for Jeans day
26.09.23	Brightview Farm talk to Wrens
27.09.23	SEND family consultations 3-6pm
29.09.23	AFSS Macmillian coffee morning 9-10am
02.10.23	RNLI to visit Wrens
06.10.23	Harvest Festival (details to be confirmed)
10.10.23	Essex fire and rescue talk with Wrens
12.10.23	Individual photos being taken today
17.10.23	Essex ambulance talk with Wrens
17.10.23	Family consultations 3-7pm
18.10.23	Ospreys to West Stow Anglo Saxon Village
18.10.23	Family consultations 3-5pm
20.10.23	Non pupil day
20.10.23	Start of October half term
30.10.23	Back to school